

determining means (76) for determining whether the caller identity of an incoming forwarded call belongs to the allowed identities by comparing the caller identity with said group of caller identities, in response to receiving the call establishment signaling in the network element[.];

continuing means (78) for continuing establishing the incoming forwarded call if the caller identity belongs to the allowed identities[.]; and

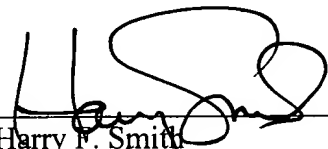
rejecting means (79) for rejecting the incoming forwarded call if the caller identity does not belong to the allowed identities.

REMARKS

The foregoing amendment removes the multiple dependencies from the Article 34 Amendment. Also, the foregoing amendment provides antecedent basis for each element introduced. Further, the foregoing amendment rennumbers the claims sequentially. A favorable consideration that results in the early allowance of pending claims 1-17 is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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